

REMARKS

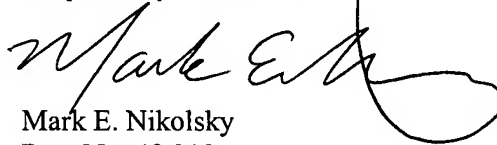
Attorney for Applicants has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-identified invention. Applicants submit that the application, as amended herein, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7, 13, and 14 were indicated in the Office Action as being allowed, and Claims 10-12 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent Claim 8 to include the subject matter of allowable dependent Claims 9-10 (Claim 10 depended from independent Claim 8 via Claim 9) and has cancelled Claims 9-10. Applicant has amended dependent Claim 11 to depend from amended independent Claim 8. Applicant makes these amendments to expedite issuance of a patent, and expressly reserves the right to present the subject matter of the cancelled claims or broader claims in one or more continuation applications.

All issues raised in the Office Action are believed to have been addressed. Claims 8 and 11 were amended, and Claims 9-10 were cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 11-14 are pending and are in condition for allowance. No new matter is believed to have been added. Re-examination is requested and favorable action solicited.

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